



**Court Agenda
January 3, 2024**

9:00 a.m.

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Additions to Agenda

1.0 Appointment Schedule

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| 1.1 | 9:00 a.m. | 9:03 a.m. | Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (f) |
| 1.2 | 9:30 a.m. | 9:34 a.m. | Carrie Pipinich, MCEDD Quarterly Report |
| 1.3 | 10:00 a.m. | 10:04 a.m. | Bob Thomas, Wildlife Services Quarterly Report |
| 1.4 | 10:30 a.m. | | Cindy Brown, OSU Extension Quarterly Report |

2.0 Action Items

- 2.1 Weed Control District appointment
- 2.2 MCEDD Letter of Support
- 2.3 RV Park Documents
- 2.4 Ambulance Pay
- 2.5 Senior Center Grant 182102 Oregon Department of Human Services

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- 3.1 Commissioner Reports and Updates

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- 4.1 Minutes of November 20, 2023
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- 4.3 Claims – December 2023

5.0 Future Agenda Items

If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with: ~~ORS 192.660(2)(a)~~ – Employment of Public Officers, Employees & Agents, ORS 192.660(2)(b) – Discipline of Public Officers & Employees, ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Property Transactions, ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, ORS 192.660(2)(h) - Conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation, ORS 192.660(2)(i) – Personnel



**SHERMAN COUNTY COURT
REGULAR SESSION
SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**

MINUTES

JANUARY 3, 2024

Opened Court:

Present: Judge Joe Dabulskis, Commissioner Justin Miller, Commissioner Joan Bird, Administrative Assistant Tammi Gaskey

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to Agenda

1.0 Appointment Schedule

1.1 ~~9:00 a.m.~~ 9:03 a.m. Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (f) information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

Went into Executive Session in accordance with ORS192.660 (2) (f) information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection at 9:03 a.m.

Exited Executive Session at 9:08 a.m.

During Executive Session legal matters were discussed.

1.2 ~~9:30 a.m.~~ 9:34 a.m. Carrie Pipinich, MCEDD Quarterly Report

Present: Carrie Pipinich, Verna McClennan, Dana Pursley-Haner, Brittany Dark

Carrie Pipinich, Deputy Director of Economic Development at Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, came to County Court and gave highlights from her written quarterly report.

- **MCEDD EPA Brownfields Grant:** MCEDD is starting to develop the process for awarding services through the grant while waiting for our EPA agreement to be completed. The scope of the project includes all five counties in MCEDD's service area and Sherman County is one of the coalition partners. The project team held its initial meeting for the coalition partners and at least one representative from each County MCEDD serves to begin developing the program outlines. Staff will work with the County to support

community outreach and site selection efforts for the project moving forward. MCEDD is developing a webpage that will include an overview of the program, definition of brownfields, and some success stories as well as the brief application form for property owners (private or public) to fill out.

- **Electric Vehicle Charging:** The first charger has been installed at the GV Market and is online. Staff reached out to Pacific Power to request additional funds for a second charger. The Market was awarded an additional \$34,000 in August, which would allow them to complete the second charger install. The charger has been delayed and the Market is exploring other strategies for using the funds if possible.
- **Broadband:** Staff worked with the County to support development of an RFP for engineering services related to continuing to improve broadband access leveraging additional funding coming down the pipeline through the State Broadband Office. Staff provided the RFP for review.
- **Solar + Storage Planning Project at the School:** Staff continued to support implementation of this project as needed.
- **Organizational support:**
 - **Four Cities Meetings:** Staff convened a meeting of City administrators (and other interested City staff or Council members) in October and November focused mainly on Code Enforcement. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11th in Wasco and staff plans on participating.
 - **City of Grass Valley:** The City submitted their Clean Water SRF application to DEQ and was included in the CDS projects for Oregon for \$2 million in funding for the waste water project. The third application for funding is CDBG.
 - **City of Rufus:** Staff met with the City to discuss ongoing projects. Staff will continue to support discussions with the City and Business Oregon about issues with the City's wells. The City applied for a \$20,000 Water/Waste Water technical assistance grant from Business Oregon to for reviewing their Well #3's challenge with low water flows. Coupled with the completed planning for Well #1 improvements, the City will look to explore the best next steps for the system. They are also looking toward a rate study and furthering their system mapping project to support these discussions.
 - **City of Wasco:** Staff continue to have discussions related to water and sewer needs with the City and Business Oregon. The City has submitted a technical assistance grant to develop a system master plan with support from staff and are looking to explore a water source protection grant next to support some updates. Staff will meet with the City the first week in January to check in on additional items for support and is doing some research on brownfield program eligibility for sampling and removal of the oil heating tank as a potential resource.
 - Staff continued to support Little Wheats and is reaching out to discuss current work.
- **Housing Assistance:** Staff worked with an applicant and moved through additional feedback with three inquiries about the program. The budget for the program shows that there is approximately \$100,000 not committed to projects yet.

1.3 ~~10:00 a.m.~~ 10:04 a.m. Bob Thomas, Wildlife Services Quarterly Report

Present: Bob Thomas, Verna McClennan, Brittany Dark, and Cindy Brown

Bob Thomas came to County Court to give his quarterly report. Here are the highlights:

- Coyote issues
 - Nuisances
 - Killing cats
 - Coming into town
- 17 places that Bob is currently working
- 6 places on his list to start

- Has removed a few cougars from Sherman County
- Bob gave County Court a handout that showed numbers of Cougars known to be in the different counties 50 years ago. They numbers have changed.
- Bob, Sheriff Lohrey, and Undersheriff Burgett will be attending Wolf training

1.4 10:30 a.m. Cindy Brown, OSU Extension Quarterly Report

Present: Cindy Brown, Jacob Powell, Verna McClennan, Brittany Dark

Jacob Powell, OSU Agriculture Extension Faculty, came to County Court to give an update.

- Winter Trainings
 - Winter Pesticide Trainings
 - Beef Quality Assurance Training (BQA)
 - Farm First Aid Training
 - Mid Columbia Soil Health and Soil pH Workshop

Jacob also gave a Tri-County Hazardous Waste update. Jacob explained that hazardous waste was in the management plan and recycling just sort of evolved into the mission of this group but was never written into the management plan. The current management plan needs to be updated in include what Tri-County Hazardous Waste wants to have as part of their mission and goals. Currently, they can continue working on recycling projects but not use any grant money.

County Court would like to know what happens to the money that was ear marked for recycling. Jacob is going to look at the budget or reach out to Steve Kramer.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 Weed Control District appointment

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to appoint Ethan Moore to the Weed Advisory Board for a three year term ending December 2026.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.2 MCEDD Letter of Support

This topic has been tabled until a future meeting. Judge Dabulskis wants to talk to MCEDD employees to make sure that they feel comfortable with the work load before Sherman County will sign the letter of support.

2.3 RV Park Documents

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Sherman County RV Park Agreement, the space reservation and registration form and the RV Park all occupant and guest rules effective February 1, 2024.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0
Abstain: 0

2.4 Ambulance pay

This topic has been tabled until a future meeting. County Court would like Dana Pursley-Haner to get concrete numbers for money that will be coming in during 2023-24 fiscal year to know if there is enough money for the increases that she wants to get approved.

2.5 Senior Center Grant

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Senior Center Grant #182102 with the Oregon Department of Human Services up to \$25,000 effective November 1, 2023 through March 31, 2025.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird
No: 0
Abstain: 0

County Court would like to thank Kari Silcox for applying for and being successful in getting this grant.

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Commissioner Reports and updates

Judge Joe Dabulskis – Attended an AOC Oregon Judicial Department meeting; a Continuity of Operations meeting; an employee meeting and the Courthouse Winter Treats gathering.

Commissioner Justin Miller – Attended the New Year’s Eve Party at the Fair Grounds.

Commissioner Joan Bird – Attended the Courthouse Winter Treats gathering; and a NCPH employee retirement party.

Working with local meat processing plant for grant.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of November 20, 2023

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Minutes of November 20, 2023 as corrected.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird
No: 0
Abstain: 0

4.2 Minutes of December 20, 2023

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Minutes of December 20, 2023 as corrected.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.3 Claims – December 2023

This topic has been tabled until the January 17th County Court meeting. County Court had questions about checks 4601 and 4136.

5.0 Future Items

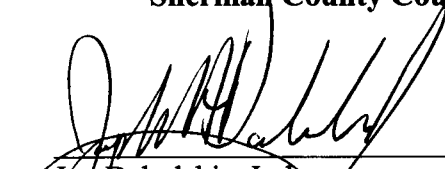
MCEDD Letter of Support

Ambulance Pay

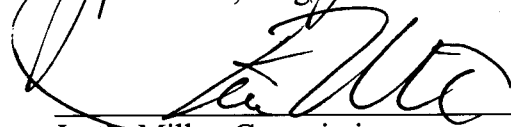
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Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

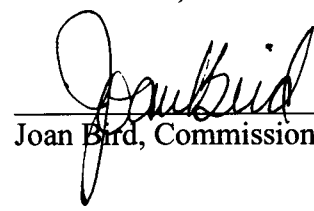
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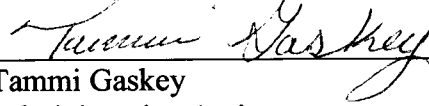
Joe Dabulskis, Judge



Justin Miller, Commissioner



Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: 
Tammi Gaskey
Administrative Assistant